



IFES Quarterly Report: January 1 to March 31 2005

Electoral Violence Education and Resolution (EVER)

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Project Period: August 25, 2003 – December 31, 2005 (as approved 3/31/2005)

Total Budget: \$212,911 Expenses Recorded to Date: \$118,521

Results Summary/Impact Statement

- Completed implementation in Ghana and received final report from CSO subgrantee Center for Democratic Development in Ghana (CDD-Ghana). CDD-Ghana collaborated with the Institute for Policy Alternatives (IPA) to train and deploy 13 monitors in 9 constituencies identified as violence-prone regions who worked through the post-election period. Monitors documented nearly 50 incidents of electoral violence during the election cycle. CDD-Ghana was able to raise awareness of electoral violence through its work and documented important lessons for future EVER implementation.
- Continued technical assistance on EVER methodology and database development to IFES Middle East and North Africa (MENA) program within its election oversight and conflict mitigation project regarding design of election violence monitoring program.
- Website development ongoing, to enable the expansion of the online database to incorporate lessons learned from Ghana and Iraq activities and data collection tools.

Background

The EVER Project will identify those conditions, causes, practices, or failures provoking electoral violence in order to prevent, manage, or reduce opportunities for friction in elections and campaigns. It will examine electoral conflict as a discrete form of conflict with unique causes and solutions while recognizing that it is linked to broader social, economic, or criminal motives. In addition, it will diagnose how election observation can be a more effective tool in election conflict prevention.

Activities

Ghana

This quarter, IFES subgrantee, the Center for Democratic Development in Ghana (CDD-Ghana) completed EVER programming during the post-election period following the December Presidential elections. CDD-Ghana submitted a final report to IFES with an analysis of patterns in the incidents of violence and implications thereof, as well as lessons learned and recommendations for the global project. This is attached as Annex I. CDD-Ghana also delivered to IFES the incident report forms from the project, and this data will be entered into the EVER Global Incidents of Electoral Violence Database. Key recommendations from the CDD-Ghana final report include starting pre-election violence monitoring earlier and integrating conflict resolution/mitigation further into the programming.

Training Activity with Iraq Project

The IFES Senior Researcher and Research Coordinator continued to provide technical assistance on EVER methodology and database development to the IFES Middle East and North Africa (MENA) team. MENA is currently implementing an election oversight and conflict mitigation project, and the

EVER team provided MENA guidance on the design of training and database application for their election violence monitoring program.

Second case study country

IFES is preparing a memo and concept for Haiti to conduct programming for the second case study country.

Global Incidents Database

The EVER Global Incidents Database application is near completion and testing will take place in April. The result will be an increase in database fields and a more robust tool for the public and practitioners. Launch of the database and website are expected by the end of May.

Project Extension

Received approval for no-cost extension through December 31, 2005, to complete work in second case study country this fall.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

- Complete testing and officially launch public version of Global Incidents Database and website
- Receive approval and begin programming for second case study country

Attachments:

- Final report of subgrantee CDD-Ghana